



Dergview 1-2 Ballyclare Comrades

Saturday 6th October 2018 – Bluefin Sport Championship

Ballyclare Comrades team (4-4-1-1)

- 19. Kyle Rowe
- 6. Michael McQuitty
- 5. Adam Wright
- 23. Dean Youle
- 3. Christopher Crane
- 17. Thomas Robinson
- 10. Eoin Kane
- 8. JB Dobbin
- 11. Adam Gray 🟦 (15') 🟥 (85')
- 24. Gary Donnelly 🟥 (71')
- 14. Joe Tully 🟥 (71')

Substitutes:

- 21. Scott Gault
- 4. Samuel McIlveen
- 7. Joe McWilliams 🟢 (85')
- 9. Chris Trussell 🟢 (71')
- 16. Jamie Willighan 🟢 (71') 🟦 (90+1)

Dergview: Alan Buchanan, M Buchanan, Falconer, McNulty, Adam Buchanan, Burns, Kirk, A Dougherty, Smith, Sproule, S Dougherty. Subs: G Doherty, Logue, A Doherty, Hargan, Wallace.

Comrades got back to winning ways, after a poor run of league form, to bring all three points back from the long trip to Castlederg.

Some changes were made for this game, with Gary Donnelly and Joe Tully coming into the starting line-up and JB Dobbin returning after injury. Jason Johnston missed out through injury, with Gary Brown and Curtis Woods still also out.

From the start, Comrades played with much more confidence than in recent weeks and did most of the early pressing. In the 9th minute a Thomas Robinson corner found the head of Adam Wright, whose effort from 7 yards was cleared off the line by Sproule.

On 15 minutes Comrades got the goal their enterprising play had deserved. Dergview couldn't clear their lines and the ball fell to Adam Gray, who fired in a shot from 16 yards, which took a slight deflection and flew into the roof of the net past the 'keeper.

The visitors continued to impress. In the 27th minute they came close to adding to their lead, when Thomas Robinson beat a defender in the box and curled a shot from 15 yards, which hit the underside of the bar and came out. A minute later Michael McQuitty's ball into the box found Robinson, but he could only scoop his effort over the bar from 6 yards.

The latter stages of the half saw the home side begin to get a foothold in the game. On 33 minutes a scuffed clearance from Kyle Rowe saw the ball fall to Sproule, who then set up Smith for an effort from 35 yards, but Rowe was just able to stretch high enough to turn the ball over the bar.

However, on 45 minutes, Smith was not to be denied. He deftly took down a ball played into the box by Adam Buchanan and scalped it into the back of the net from 8 yards.

A minute later, Comrades probably should have been back in front. Eoin Kane burst forward and played a great ball in to Thomas Robinson, who looked set to score from 7 yards, only to be denied by a good save from Alan Buchanan.

Comrades were unfortunate not to be ahead at the break, but the second half was to see the home side step up their performance.

In the 55th minute a good move ended with Adam Dougherty being played in on the right side of the box, but he couldn't find the target from 9 yards, flashing his shot wide of the far post. A minute later, the same player was picked out by a good ball into the box from Smith, but his control let him down in a dangerous position.

On 57 minutes Comrades got forward, with Thomas Robinson bursting into the box to fire in a fierce shot, which stung the palms of the 'keeper from 14 yards.

Dergview were beginning to look marginally the more likely side to score again as the match entered its later stages, with Comrades defence stretched at times to keep them at bay.

However, it was the visitors who snatched the points a minute into injury-time. Eoin Kane got free just outside the right side of the penalty area and delivered an inch perfect ball into the 6-yard box, where substitute Jamie Willighan was there to knock the ball home.

The home side threw everything they had to get an equaliser in the few remaining minutes and they nearly got it three minutes into stoppage time, when a long throw into the box was net by a looping header from McNulty which hit the top of the crossbar.